GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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RELAXATION OF BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS BIS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to relax certification norms for a large number of imported products identified earlier for compulsory Bureau of Indian Standard Certification;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the BIS has forwarded proposals to Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) for relaxing certification norms;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps the Union Government/BIS propose to take to check the quality of imported products?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): The quality standards as imposed vide Notification No. 44 dated24.11.2000 issued by Department of Commerce are still in operation. However, the condition of registration with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has beenexempted on import of cylinders to be used exclusively in the CNG kits for automobiles.This exemption is applicable only on such cylinders and cylinder valves fittings which have been approved by the Chief Controller of Explosives, Nagpur.

(c) & (d): In order to evolve a speedier mechanism for grant of licences, particularly where imported products are being used as raw material by the Indian industry, BIS has proposed to Department of Commerce (Directorate General of ForeignTrade) to permit BIS Certification of these 133 items under their Indian ImportersScheme provided the items are required for captive consumption on continuous basis and are procured from pre-identified sources.

(e) : Government, in Department of Commerce, have taken steps throughissue of various notifications, etc. to ensure that the quality of imported products conforms to the specified levels.